



# ***Summary: 2013 Natural Gas Issues, Trends, and Outlook***

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## Report Background

- Produced every other year in support of the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)
- Current natural gas issues and analysis of model results
- Three “common cases” were run in the NAMGas model on the Market Builder platform
  - Collaboration with Demand Forecast & Plexos Production Cost Model



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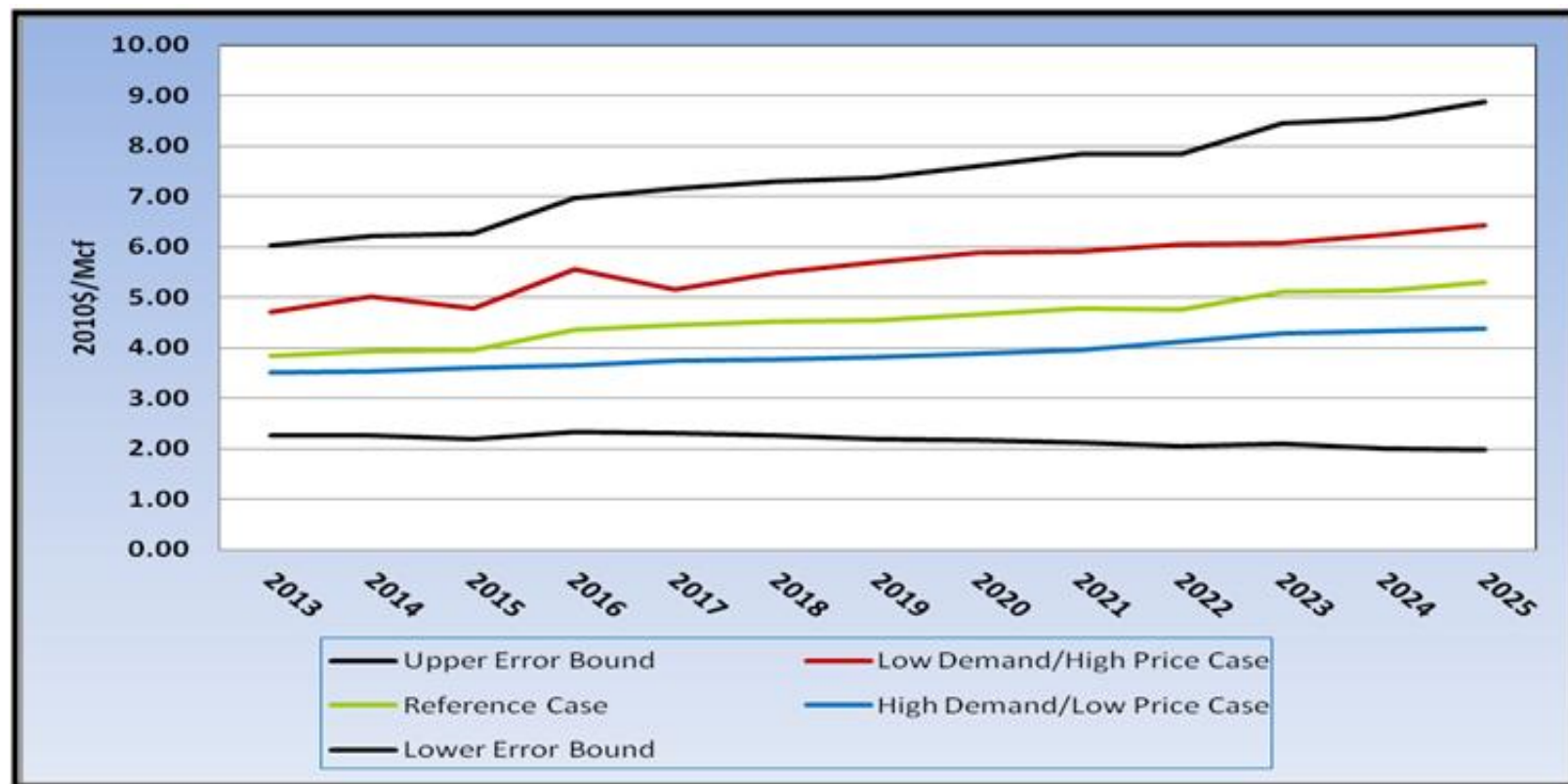
## Common Cases Assumptions

Assumptions	Reference Case	Low-Demand/High-Price Case	High-Demand/Low-Price Case
<b>GDP Growth Rate</b>	2.50%	3.00%	2.00%
<b>Natural Gas Technology Improvement Rate</b>	1%	1%	2.50%
<b>CHP Demand (Bcf)/Capacity (MW) for CA in 2024<sup>a</sup></b>	83/1424	130/3084	14/210
<b>Total U.S. Natural Gas Demand (Tcf/yr)</b>			
2014	24.5	24.1	24.4
2019	28.4	27.9	27.2
2024	30.5	29.9	28.1
<b>Maximum RPS Target</b>			
CA Meets Target	On time	10 year delay	On time
WECC Meets Target	On time	10 year delay	On time
Other States Meet	5 year delay	10 year delay	On time
<b>Additional U.S. Coal Generation Converts to Natural Gas Starting in 2014 (GW)</b>	61	80	31
<b>LNG Capacity Additions</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Grow or Shrink Natural Gas Resource Available (U.S.)</b>	N/A	Shrink by 5.5%	Grow by 5.5%
<b>Additional Environmental Mitigation Cost (2010\$/Mcf)</b>	N/A	\$0.50/Mcf Shale	N/A
		\$0.30/Mcf Conventional	
<b>Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency<sup>b</sup></b>	Mid Savings Scenario	High Savings Scenario	Low Savings Scenario
<b>Cost Environment<sup>c</sup></b>	Mid (P50)	High (P10)	Low (P90)



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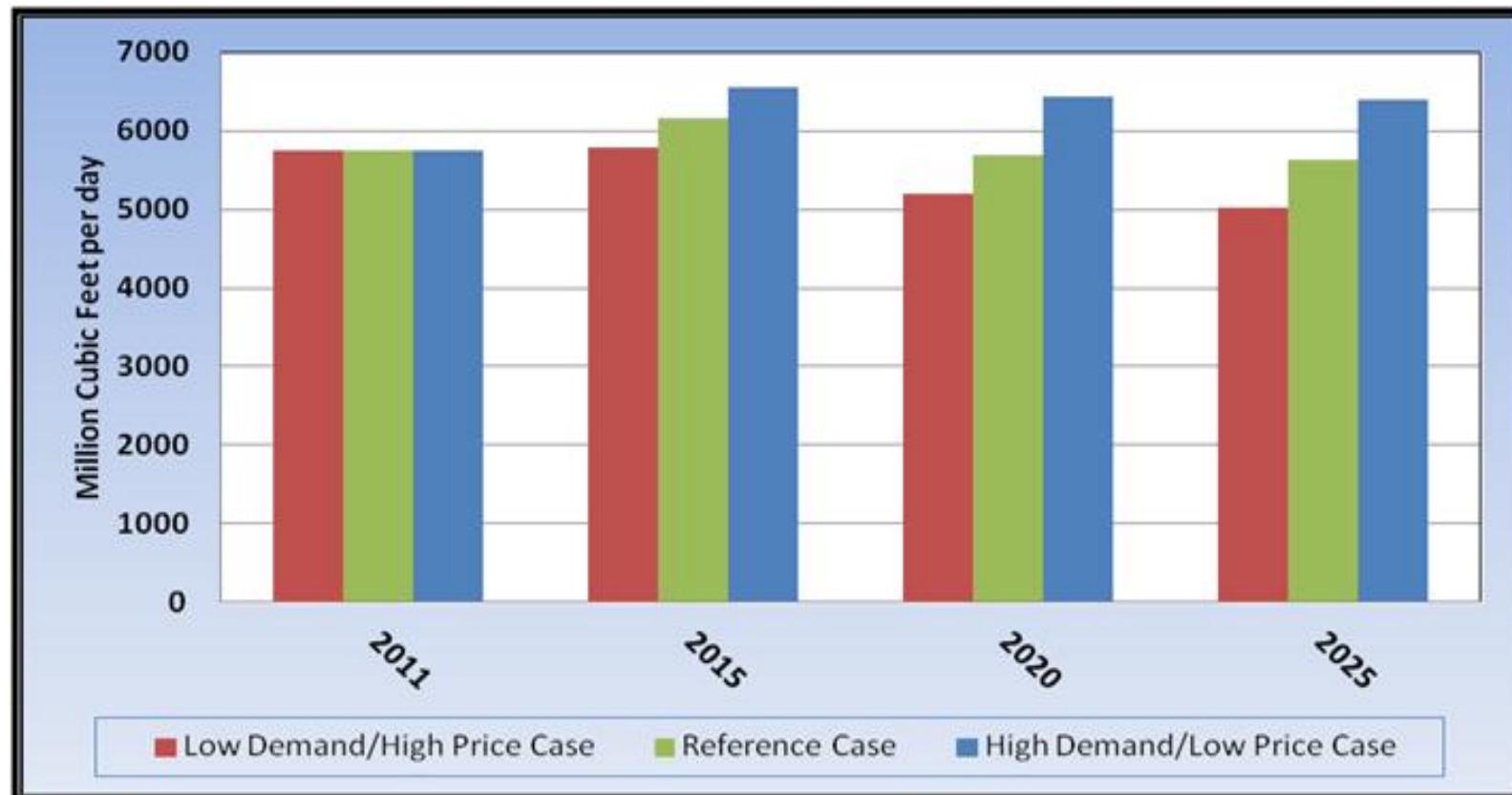
# Natural Gas Prices to Increase Gradually Common Case Price Results (Henry Hub)





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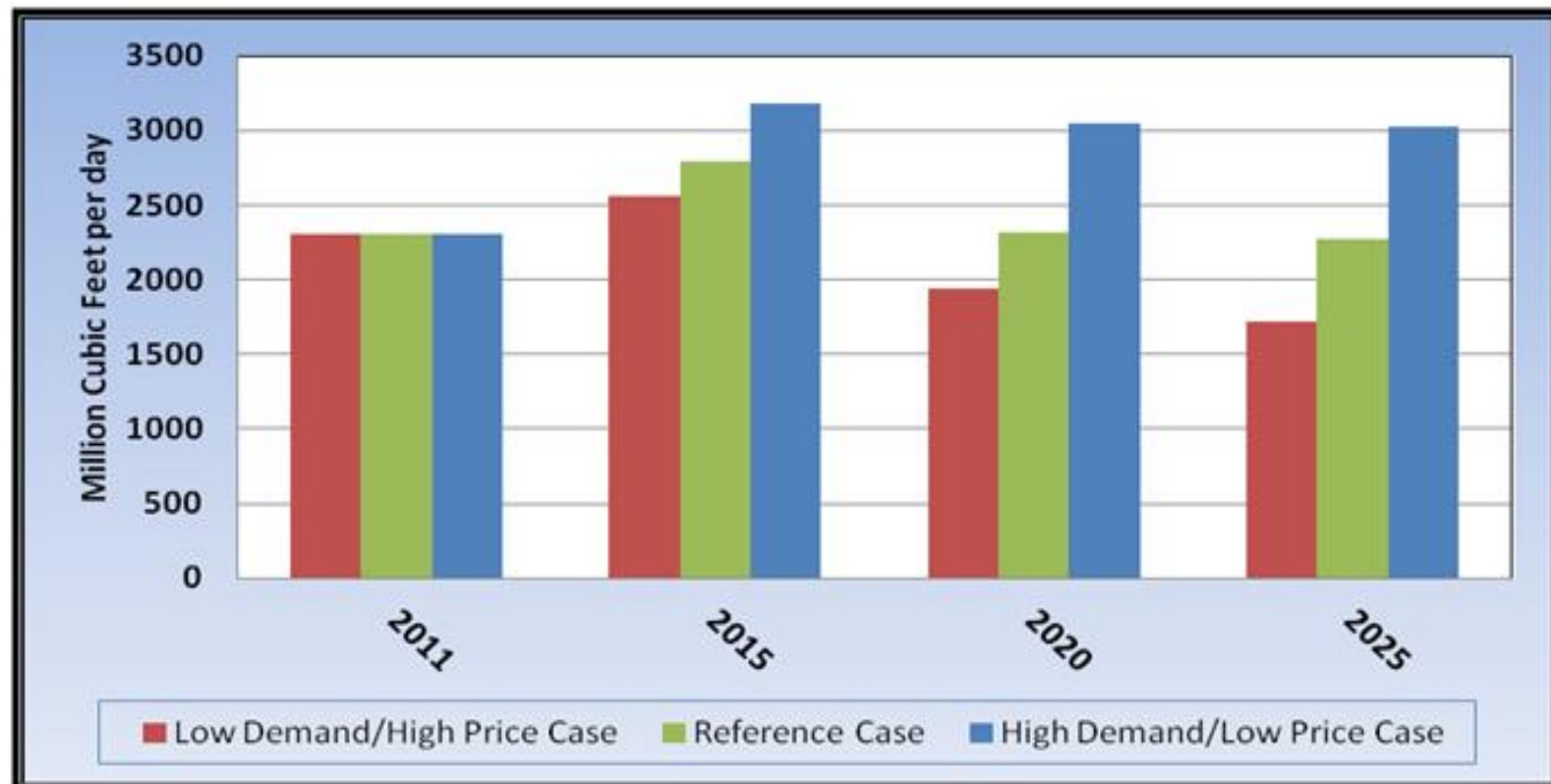
# Overall Natural Gas Demand in CA Decreases





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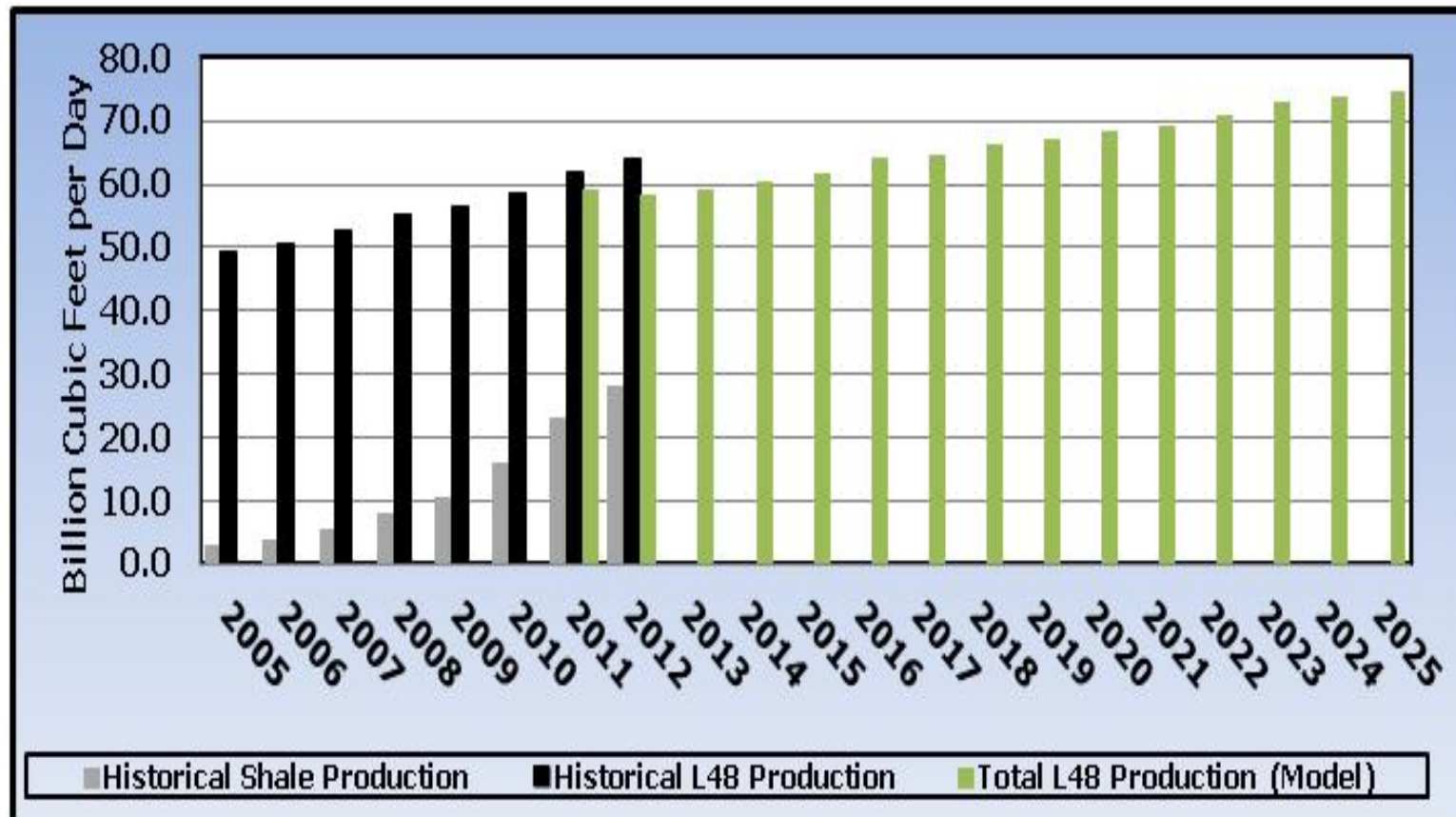
# Natural Gas Demand for Power Generation to Decrease in CA





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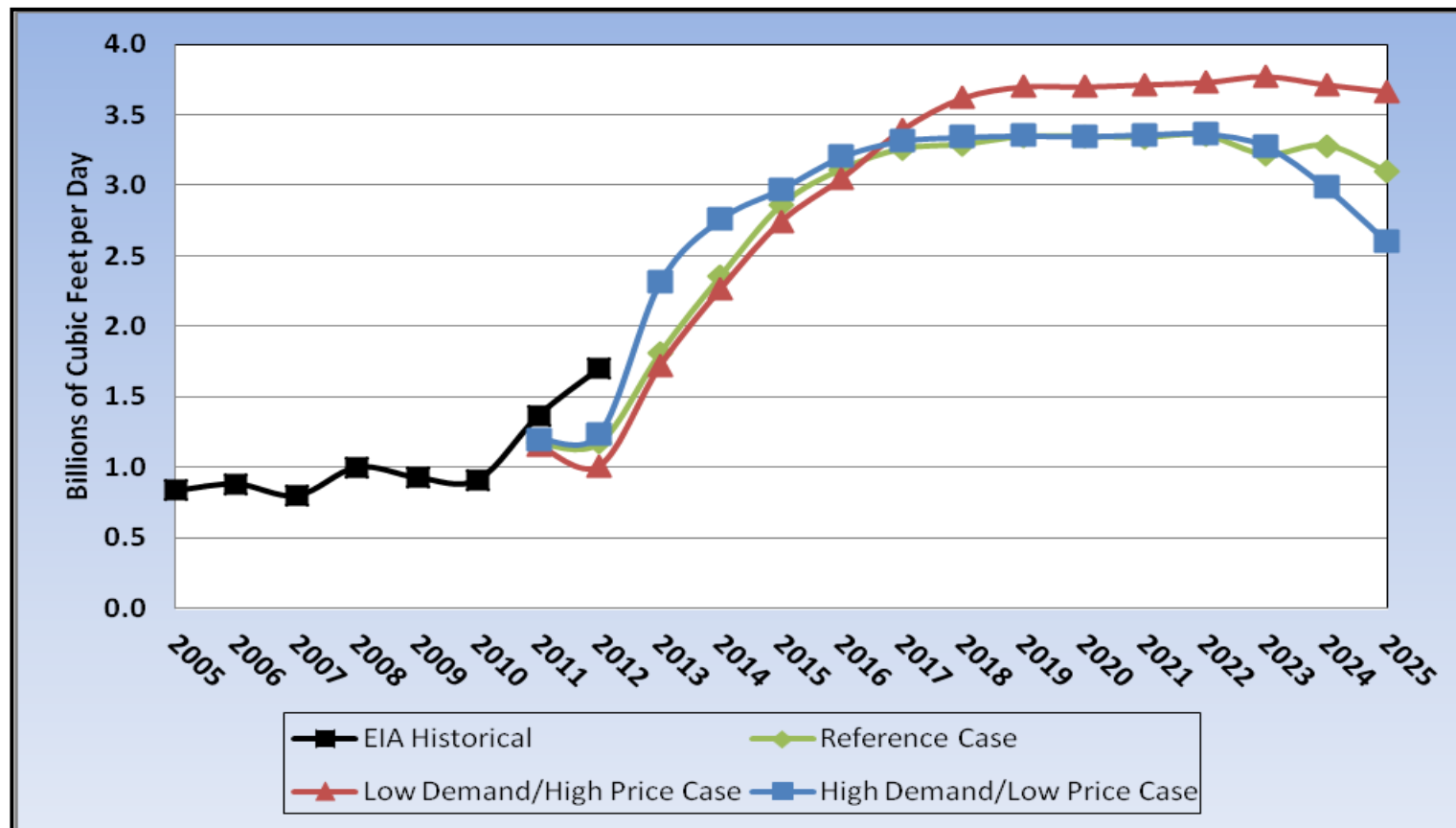
# U.S. Natural Gas Supplies Continue to Grow





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# Exports to Mexico May Plateau Then Decline

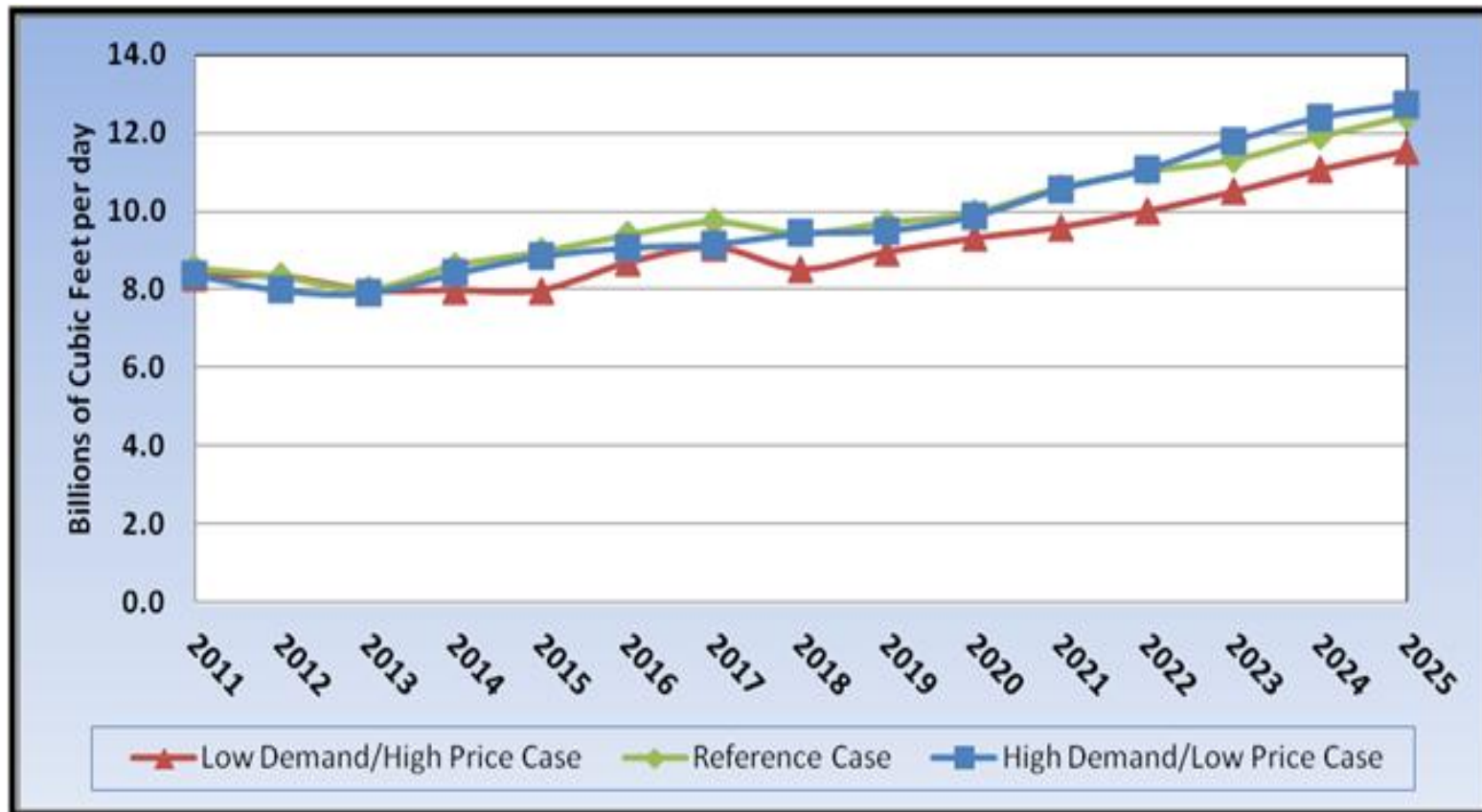






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# Imports From Canada May Increase





# Report Findings

- The Renewable Portfolio Standard and aggressive energy efficiency goals reduce NG demand in CA
- Many coal plants likely to be retired in Western Electricity Coordinating Council – which may lead to increased natural gas demand in WECC after 2020
- SONGS closure raised the southern system minimum gas requirements in the San Diego Gas & Electric service area



# **Questions and Comments**

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